

STRIKE BOYCOTT NOT CRIMINAL, URGES LABOR

New Objections to Injunction Filed in Justice Gould's Court by Federation.

New objections to the scope of the order of temporary injunction against the American Federation of Labor in the interest of the Buck's Stove and Range Company were filed this morning before Justice Gould.

Attorneys Ralston and Siddons, and T. C. Spelling, for the labor organization, say that the power, force, and scope of the temporary injunction has not been fixed satisfactorily to the defendants, offering several of the objections that were adversely passed upon by the court at the time the order was under consideration and new objections that they desire to be heard and passed upon that they may become part of the record.

They desire to so amend the order as to be more favorable to the American Federation of Labor.

The new objections offered are that the order says the temporary injunction is to run until a final decree, instead of until further orders of the court; that the order may be construed to enjoin the defendants from uniting to agree not to purchase the product of the company; that the order will prevent the labor organization from influencing its friends from purchasing the stoves and ranges of the plaintiff company; that it abridges the constitutional right of the freedom of speech; and of the press.

Arbitration as Strike Preventer Acceptable To Labor, Says Gompers

"Organized labor," says President Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, "is willing to accept voluntary arbitration to prevent strikes, provided by that method the arbitration is really voluntary and faithfully carried out."

For the first time since suit was entered, President Gompers gave public utterance yesterday on the injunction granted by the local court to the Buck Stove and Range Company. He declared emphatically "the people will not buy these stoves," and "the Federation will not remain idle, but will fight all efforts to deprive labor of its rights."

"In the coming year we will make a strong fight against the open shop," he said, "and we will continue to organize the workmen. It is our aim to organize all the workmen of the United States, and we will do it. Already we have 3,000,000 members. The workman must organize to protect himself. He cannot fight capital as an individual."

President Gompers, discussing the strike question, said that no intelligent workman would assert that the strike method was, in itself, a good thing. "We would be glad to see the method of settlement," he declared, "but what is labor to do when an employer is arrogant, stupid, blind to his own interests, prejudiced and arbitrary?"

Mr. Gompers attacked the figures given out by the Bureau of Statistics, pretending to show colossal sums lost by both labor and capital in strikes and lockouts. Statisticians, he said, can not tell what would have happened in any given case, but they naturally regard the loss as total and real.

Boycott is Defense Of the Workman, Say Labor Leaders

There was a small attendance of delegates at the weekly meeting of Central Labor Union last night, but what was lacking in numbers was more than made up in eloquence that poured out in opposition to the action of the court in its ruling against the labor organizations in issuing injunctions.

The right to boycott business interests that oppose organized labor and its right to organize was fully discussed. The keynote of the two hours' discussion was labor's right to defend itself with the boycott and the unconstitutionality of government by injunctions.

The discussion resulted in no action, the matter being postponed until next Monday night, when there will be a full attendance. The general opinion obtained that President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, will continue to publish the Buck's Stove and Range Company in the Federationist on the "we do not patronize" list, notwithstanding the injunction order of Justice Gould and the arrest and imprisonment will follow.

It was decided to employ a strong corporation in connection with the certain members of the central body last night in severely criticizing the injunction order of Mr. Justice Gould in the case of the Buck Stove and Range Company against the American Federation of Labor, that "President Gompers' repudiation of the statement that he intended to defy the order of Justice Gould will meet with the approval of all intelligent trades unionists, as it demonstrates to the public the wisdom of Mr. Gompers, his wonderful efficiency as a leader, and his ability to rise to the occasion and meet any emergency."

P. J. Ryan, the lawyer member of Central Labor Union, said this morning in connection with the action of certain members of the central body last night in severely criticizing the injunction order of Mr. Justice Gould in the case of the Buck Stove and Range Company against the American Federation of Labor, that "President Gompers' repudiation of the statement that he intended to defy the order of Justice Gould will meet with the approval of all intelligent trades unionists, as it demonstrates to the public the wisdom of Mr. Gompers, his wonderful efficiency as a leader, and his ability to rise to the occasion and meet any emergency."

"While he may differ from Mr. Justice Gould, he will honor the order, and any fight that he may make, the matter will be along fair, equitable, and legal lines. While the decision seems to be against him, I am sure he will make use of it to strengthen his forces and to instill into him the necessity of keeping up their organization and beginning the battle upon a new basis which will make known at the proper time."

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CHINA AND JAPAN LIKELY TO CLASH; KOREA THE CAUSE

Consuls to Represent Chinese Merchants Before the Mikado.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Japan's treatment of Chinese residents of Korea and the flooding of Mongolia with Japanese colonists are threatening trouble between China and Japan.

Concerning conditions in Korea the Chinese government has already protested to the Japanese minister here with the sole result that the latter has denied the facts as laid before him. By way of retaliation China has determined to refuse longer to transact Korean diplomatic business through Japan, but will send consuls to Korean cities at once. This arrangement will be highly unwelcome to the Mikado and may bring matters to a crisis at once.

Government Notified.

Chinese merchants in Korea have notified their government of their resolution to discontinue credit to Japan, that they wish their government to call on Japan to draft a commercial code that they may no longer be victims of the Mikado's whims, and that they believe sending Chinese consuls to the Hermit Kingdom will have an excellent effect.

It is charged the Chinese are personally ill-treated, that they are excluded from many ports where Japanese business, and that where the Mikado's subjects are afforded every facility for transportation of goods, all kinds of obstacles are thrown in the way of the Chinese, practically barring them from competition.

China Uneasy.

The Japanese colonizing of Mongolia has not been made an international matter, but is causing China great uneasiness.

The government's diplomatic representatives at Tokyo report the existence of a society there to promote emigration to Mongolia and the Chinese journal, Tsing Pao, says significantly it is "useless to ask the object of the Japanese."

Even a personal contact citizens of the two countries clash. The Pei Ching Jihpao, a leading Peking newspaper, publishes an article accusing Japanese merchants of "adultery, bad faith, and violence," and government officials complain that Chinese who go to Japan, to complete their education "contract bad habits, and almost invariably return revolutionists."

PERMITS GRANTED TO DRIVE AUTOS

As the result of the last semi-monthly meeting of the automobile board the following have been granted permits to operate motor vehicles in the District:

C. S. Atkinson, 1125 Thirtieth street northwest; William Richardson, 357 Park road; E. G. Buckland, 1612 Rhode Island avenue northwest; Sally C. Buckland, 1612 Rhode Island avenue northwest; Charles T. Fetter, 208 Sixth street northwest; Luther Garner, 2716 Poplar street northwest; Bismark Gary, 1912 Florida avenue northeast; George E. Hall, 734 Thirtieth street southeast; William F. Harper, Jr., 767 Tenth street southeast; William Corcoran Hill, 1724 H street northwest; Lawrence Judge, 613 H street northwest; H. W. Lanford, 221 Massachusetts avenue northwest; William Langston, 215 L street northwest; Capt. E. Willy von Livonius, German embassy; Walter M. Longacre, 719 G street northeast; H. H. J. McNamee, 102 Twelfth street northwest; Gerald May, 123 K street northwest; Barnes Newberry, 1515 Sixteenth street; Charles F. Orion, 102 Twelfth street northwest; Arthur Smith, 615 B street southeast; George A. Smith, 125 New Hampshire avenue northwest; Cornelius G. Sokel, 919 Fifteenth street northwest; Roy A. Thornton, 1409 K street northwest; P. J. Walsh, 102 Twelfth street northwest; Brainerd H. Warner, Jr., 1204 F street northwest; A. M. Weedon, 309 M street northwest; H. K. Welch, 1628 Rhode Island avenue; Edith Wetmore, 1629 K street northwest.

FISH CASE ADJOURNS; GOOD WISHES FOR ALL

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Arguments in the Illinois Central injunction suit, which closed last evening, terminated in the love feast wherein the spirit of the Christmas time was expressed freely.

Attorneys that for two weeks have contested over every legal move shook hands and with the conventional phrases of the season bade one another good-bye. Mr. Fish will leave Chicago for New York today.

The most important action of the day was an amendment to the bill of complaint. This was filed by attorneys for Mr. Fish, in spite of the objection by Judge Dickinson, general counsel for the Illinois Central.

Both sides now will prepare briefs, which will be submitted to the court in January, and it is expected the decision will be made about the middle of February.

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MRS. LONGWORTH TO BE SENT HOME

Fast Recovering From Effects of Operation—Will Leave White House.

Mrs. Nicholas Longworth has almost completely recovered from the effects of the operation for appendicitis, which was performed a week ago last Thursday, and is now up and walking around the White House. If she does not suffer a setback, she will be moved to her own home, 831 Eighteenth street, on Thursday.

Representative Longworth, who called to talk with the President at his office today, said that Mrs. Longworth's case had progressed favorably from the standpoint of the neighborhood, who are of the opinion that it is cruelty to place such a heavy strain upon the horses. Captain Towell's statements were corroborated by William Schwing and Mrs. Carrie Sprigg.

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ROADS TO CONTINUE WAR AGAINST THE NEW HAVEN

Despite the adverse decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission in a serious complaint against the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, the fight made by railway companies which connect at New York harbor against that road's sudden termination of through freight rates by way of the harbor, will be waged still further.

Today a new complaint was filed with the commission, signed by eight companies, including, among others, the Pennsylvania, New York Central, Erie, and Baltimore and Ohio. This time the New Haven road is charged with appropriating for their own use and without paying demurrage cars which are the property of the petitioners.

The complaint cites the fact that transfer must be made at junction points with the New Haven and that the latter utilizes their cars to the detriment of the owners' business. It is considered very significant that the Pennsylvania system has now joined the fight. Those in a position to know regard the affixing of that company's signature to this latest complaint as suggestive of a bitter war to be waged against the New Haven.

NEVADA CAMP QUIET; DEPUTIES PATROL PLACE

GOLDFIELD, Nev., Dec. 24.—Everything is quiet in Goldfield. Sheriff Ingalls, at the solicitation of Capt. L. W. Cox, representing Governor Sparks, has sworn in additional deputies who are patrolling the city. The governor says he will call an extra session of the Legislature should developments make it necessary to ask the return of the troops, which will leave December 20.

C. E. Mahoney, vice president of the Western Federation of Miners, will speak at a conference with mine operators today, but it is announced he will not be received as a member of the Federation.

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POLICE BOARD FREES THIEVES, SAYS GEORGIAN

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 24.—In an interview this morning Bryan Lawrence, member of council and a prominent business man of the city, makes serious and specific charges against the police commission. He charges, first, that certain members of the commission have granted immunity to certain gamblers in Augusta and have threatened to cause trouble for any policeman disturbing them, and second, that the commissioners ordered the chief of police to make no case against Policeman Barnett, who was recently apprehended in the act, it is alleged, of stealing shoes from a firm on Broad street.

Mr. Lawrence's statement has caused a sensation. He charges are made chiefly against R. J. Edenhelf, who is to stand for re-election to the commission tomorrow without opposition. It is possible that instead of an election the city council may order an investigation.

SAY SOUTHERN COLLECTED \$3,071 UNJUST RATES

The Interstate Commerce Commission decided today that the Holcomb-Hayes Company, of Tennessee, is entitled to recover \$3,071.56 from the Southern Railway and the Illinois Central, as repayment for the unjust collection of rates of cross ties, due to the cancellation of through rates on the Tennessee Central, in 1905.

CRUELTY CHARGED AGAINST DISTRICT CAPTAIN TOWELL SAYS HORSES SUFFER WHILE HAULING LIBRARY ASHES.

That cruelty to animals is involved in hauling the ashes from the Public Library was the charge made by the Washington Humane Society at a hearing before the Commissioners today.

Mr. J. Tyler Towell, representative of the society, said that the incline leading from the K street entrance is so steep that horses cannot pull a heavy load without being subjected to inhuman treatment. This, he said, has been a subject of frequent comment among the residents of the neighborhood, who are of the opinion that it is cruelty to place such a heavy strain upon the horses.

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COL. LOCKWOOD RETIRED FROM ACTIVE SERVICE

Col. Benjamin C. Lockwood, Twenty-ninth Infantry, upon his own application after more than forty-three years' service, has been retired from active duty in the army. He is placed upon the retired list with the rank of brigadier general, the Senate having consented to his advancement.

Colonel Lockwood is a native of Kentucky, and at the outbreak of the civil war enlisted in Company S, of the Sixth Kentucky Infantry. In April, 1862, he was mustered out, but a year later accepted a commission as second lieutenant of the Fifty-fourth Kentucky Infantry.

VITAL RECORDS

BIRTHS.
W. Rufner and Annie Rufner, boy, Robert E. and Elizabeth H. Aul, boy, Roy W. and Julia J. Harding, boy, Edward K. and Anna M. Kapp, girl, John L. and Annie Fugitt, girl, Charles R. and Annie L. Cover, boy, John W. and Grace Wright, girl, Wallace and Rosie Williams, girl, Ernest T. and Mamie C. Jarboe, boy, Count W. and Jeanette H. Praetorius, boy, Charles G. and Martha A. Ludwig, girl, Oscar H. and Blanche Pitt, jr., boy, Albert and Lela Bridges, boy, Sherkin and Selma Hatten, boy, John W. and Grace Wright, girl, James and Maria Phillips, boy.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.
Marcus J. Wright, Jr., to Annie Wright, David C. Gessin to Nellie L. Stewart, both of Seabrook, Md., papers pending, Andrew J. Alexander to Bessie D. Purdy, Addie L. Davis to Frances E. Lohr, Anacostia, Samuel Kaufmann to Annie Felterman, Anacostia.

George C. Greaves to Annie E. Soper, Joseph J. Muir to Elizabeth D. Hughes, Charles Reinhardt to Laura Mae Bronsard, both of Richmond, Va., John H. Apperson to Bessie J. Webb, Spottsylvania County, Va., Orville C. Coe to Bertha M. Pyle of Columbia, Md., papers not yet received, Bert Meyers to Mary B. Stribling, Robert E. Harrison to Olive Long, George L. Derreck to Eva L. Conway, Guy Garrett to Minnie B. Harding, George C. Cockley to Tracy Heaton, both of Harrisonburg, Va., Rowland W. Murray, Atlanta, Ga., to Gertrude F. McCabe, Baltimore, Md., papers pending.

DEATHS.
Mary J. Coomes, 80 years, 225 Second street northwest, died at home, 12:30 p. m., Monday, December 23, 1907. Burial at Mount Hope cemetery, 10:30 a. m., Tuesday, December 24, 1907.

Johanna Wedel, 67 years, Garfield Hospital, died at 10:30 a. m., Monday, December 23, 1907. Burial at Mount Hope cemetery, 10:30 a. m., Tuesday, December 24, 1907.

Charles E. Linkins, 52 years, 1922 G street northwest, died at home, 12:30 p. m., Monday, December 23, 1907. Burial at Mount Hope cemetery, 10:30 a. m., Tuesday, December 24, 1907.

Agnes C. Burke, 59 years, 1562 Caroline street northwest, died at home, 12:30 p. m., Monday, December 23, 1907. Burial at Mount Hope cemetery, 10:30 a. m., Tuesday, December 24, 1907.

William A. Stallings, 69 years, Conduit road, died at home, 12:30 p. m., Monday, December 23, 1907. Burial at Mount Hope cemetery, 10:30 a. m., Tuesday, December 24, 1907.

Levenia K. McDevitt, 41 years, 1519 Eighth street northwest, died at home, 12:30 p. m., Monday, December 23, 1907. Burial at Mount Hope cemetery, 10:30 a. m., Tuesday, December 24, 1907.

William M. Holman, 76 years, 458 N street southwest, died at home, 12:30 p. m., Monday, December 23, 1907. Burial at Mount Hope cemetery, 10:30 a. m., Tuesday, December 24, 1907.

Himmon Lewis, 65 years, Providence Hospital, died at home, 12:30 p. m., Monday, December 23, 1907. Burial at Mount Hope cemetery, 10:30 a. m., Tuesday, December 24, 1907.

Edwin C. Doniphan, 45 years, 413 New Jersey avenue southeast, died at home, 12:30 p. m., Monday, December 23, 1907. Burial at Mount Hope cemetery, 10:30 a. m., Tuesday, December 24, 1907.

Hugh McMahon, 77 years, Rock Creek, Park road, died at home, 12:30 p. m., Monday, December 23, 1907. Burial at Mount Hope cemetery, 10:30 a. m., Tuesday, December 24, 1907.

Cleon D. Bock, 44 years, 917 Ninth street northeast, died at home, 12:30 p. m., Monday, December 23, 1907. Burial at Mount Hope cemetery, 10:30 a. m., Tuesday, December 24, 1907.

Joseph E. Flinn, 34 years, Homeopathic Hospital, died at home, 12:30 p. m., Monday, December 23, 1907. Burial at Mount Hope cemetery, 10:30 a. m., Tuesday, December 24, 1907.

Charles V. Burdine, 75 years, 436 Jackson street, Anacostia, died at home, 12:30 p. m., Monday, December 23, 1907. Burial at Mount Hope cemetery, 10:30 a. m., Tuesday, December 24, 1907.

Robert A. Wallis, 49 years, 1248 Eleventh street northwest, died at home, 12:30 p. m., Monday, December 23, 1907. Burial at Mount Hope cemetery, 10:30 a. m., Tuesday, December 24, 1907.

Sarah S. Sampson, 70 years, 1622 First street northeast, died at home, 12:30 p. m., Monday, December 23, 1907. Burial at Mount Hope cemetery, 10:30 a. m., Tuesday, December 24, 1907.

Sarah E. Comer, 63 years, 630 Ninth street southeast, died at home, 12:30 p. m., Monday, December 23, 1907. Burial at Mount Hope cemetery, 10:30 a. m., Tuesday, December 24, 1907.

Annie E. Bryan, 55 years, 328 Eighth street southeast, died at home, 12:30 p. m., Monday, December 23, 1907. Burial at Mount Hope cemetery, 10:30 a. m., Tuesday, December 24, 1907.

POLICEMAN KILLS MAN HE FOUGHT

Officer's Jaw Fractured by Terrific Punch From Patterson.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 24.—R. B. Patterson of East Pittsburgh was shot and almost instantly killed by Policeman William Friegel today, after a desperate fight, in which Friegel and Officer George Chambers, in attempting to arrest four men, were severely wounded.

Patterson's jaw was fractured by a terrific punch from Patterson. Friegel drew his revolver and at close range fired two shots, one of which pierced Patterson's neck and lodged in the spine.

NAVY SIZE TOO SMALL, DECLARES R. P. HOBSON

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nical feature would require a statement of condition of lead at the time of observation of the armor belt so made, and this Mr. Reuterthal does not do.

Armor Efficient.

I believe that on the whole, if put to the test, the heavy armor belt of our battleships would be found as efficient as that of any other nation.

The second criticism is upon the lack of freeboard. This question is likewise a technical one and depends in every case upon the individual ship, or particular class of ships. Decks should be high enough so as to be comfortable, and guns should be high enough to be serviceable in a fighting seaway. But when the stress of a ship are carried higher than these requisites it means so much waste of material and weight that could otherwise be devoted to fighting qualities. The criticism made would condemn the Oregon class of ships as fit only for the scrap heap. All the world knows that this class of ships was the best of its day. All of our ships now afloat have more freeboard than the Oregon class.

Mr. Reuterthal says as to magazine construction is well taken. We have found out by sad experience the defects in our ammunition. To fix leakage from the turret to the hoisting room and the magazine. It may be said, however, that the defects have been discovered in time to remedy them. Measures are now being taken to correct this feature in our ships.

Particulars as to open turret ports is also well taken. The great openings are unnecessary, and the dangers they invite were pointed out to the Navy Department twelve years ago. There is no excuse whatever for having these great gaping windows, inviting the entry of shells of all sizes, unobstructed, into the turrets.

Lack of Torpedoes.

The lack of torpedoes and of destroyers is woeful. We have depended in vain upon private manufacture, and have been too late in preparing for their manufacture by the Government. When it was learned that we could not supply ourselves and depended on Europe for our supply, a foreign power proceeded to buy up the visible supply, and for many months, if not years, we will be short of torpedoes. Furthermore, with the war on, we have neglected to provide harbor defenses in the way of torpedoes, and the navy is in a predicament. The criticism upon the age of our commissioned officers is only too well taken. They are old when they come to command. They are retired by the time they become accustomed to command. For years this reorganization has been pointed out to Congress. It is a question of legislation and nothing has been done.

Further, the recommendations that battle drills should be more frequent is a good one, and now that we have adopted the wise policy of assembling a lot of fleet, battle drills and maneuvers on a large scale can be, and should be, more frequently made.

I believe that the time has come for certain changes, particularly in the administration of the navy, but a sweeping offhand condemnation of the whole plan is not warranted by the facts.

Mr. Reuterthal has certainly rendered a distinct service in his criticisms. But these criticisms should not shake the confidence of the American people in their navy. In the analysis the battle is the only test. I fully concur in the statement that battles are won long before they are fought, by weeks, months, and years of steadfast, tireless preparation, but so far as my meager acquaintance and knowledge of our navy extends, I believe if it were put to any supreme test of battle, it would give the same good account of itself that it gave in the wars of the past.

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SHIP STRANDED ON ROCKS. CREW WORKS TO SAVE IT

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Dec. 24.—While every big wave threatens to break the vessel to pieces, the crew of the two-masted schooner E. Watterman are working desperately this morning to lighten her cargo in the hope of getting her off the rocks.

The ship lies in a dangerous position near Dilliver's Neck, where she went ashore last night. The Watterman, hailed from Calais, Me., and is owned by Murchie Brothers. She is carrying a cargo of coal.

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Dingman, Allison Nallor, W. C. Long, F. E. Gibson, George R. Marble, F. L. Mattell, T. A. McKee, and J. A. Bailey.

Harry C. Towers Plays St. Nick at Forest Bureau

Harry C. Towers, purchasing agent of the Forest Service, had a pleasant hour at the bureau headquarters, in the Atlantic building, just before noon today.

Mr. Towers, following his annual custom, played Santa Claus to about 200 people, including the messengers and clerks in his own division and about 150 children of the employees of the service.

A handsomely decorated tree was placed in the hallway on the eighth floor, and from every bough hung the presents for the fortunate ones. The effect was greatly enriched by the use of many variegated electric lights, that had been swung in and about the tree.

For some time prior to the hour appointed for the appearance of Santa Claus, the elevators in the building were doing capacity business, bringing in the mothers, sisters, sons and daughters, who came to view the work, and to take home some remembrance of the happy occasion.

At 11:15 o'clock Mr. Towers, whose benevolent face and gray beard required but little make-up to give him the ideal Santa Claus appearance, came from his room, and was soon in the midst of the presents passing them out to those fortunate enough to be among the 200 or more on the list.

Johnnie Duffey, true to his nationality, was given a good pipe, and as an added entry because he had been bad, some good strong birch.

A miniature dining room scene showed the Teddy bears at the table for the next half-hour. They reigned in the building. Several large baskets were used to hold the presents that could not be crowded on the tree. The presents were packed, varied, and useful, and embraced practically everything that the young and many of the grown-ups could wish for at this season of the year.

The officials of the service were interested auditors during the proceedings.

State, War, and Navy Departments Deserted By Workers at Noon

All those who could be spared were relieved from duty at the State, War, and Navy Departments today at noon.

At least the order permitting a half-day on Christmas Eve read that all who were not urgently needed might leave their posts, and that a living soul urgently needed here, or else, could not be found in a careful canvass of every floor of the big building.